

Providence University Regulations on Cross-disciplinary Credit-based Programs

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- Article 1 The Providence University Regulations on Cross-disciplinary Credit-based Programs are established to integrate the existing University teaching resources and curricula and provide students with a cross-disciplinary learning environment to cultivate students' second specialty and promote diversified learning and employment opportunity.
- Article 2 The respective colleges, departments (institutes), and centers may jointly develop cross-disciplinary credit-based programs (hereinafter referred to as the "**Program**"). The Program should, as a principle, focus on discipline integration (engaging a minimum of two teaching units). An assistant professor or above shall be appointed as the Program Convener to be in charge of the planning and promotion, the review of the new programs, and the evaluation of the program performance, etc. The unit with which the Program Director affiliates shall be responsible for the daily administration; the implementation plan for the Program shall be set out separately.
- Article 3 The participating units shall submit an implementation plan for the founding of the Program, which includes: the name of the Program, the founding purpose, the participating units and their respective responsibilities, the curriculum planning and credits, the minimum number of credits required, the study eligibility, the application for the Program admission, and the award of the certificate, etc. The said implementation plan shall be presented for discussions at the Curriculum Committee Meetings of the both attending departments and colleges and is subject to the approval of the University Curriculum Committee before it is put into effect; the same procedure applies to the amendments.
- Article 4 The curriculum of the Program shall be co-planned by the participating units based on the existing courses and the students shall, as a principle, study along with the regular classes. If some courses are not offered in the existing curriculum of the participating units, the request for additional classes is subject to the approval of the pertinent College Curriculum Committee(s) and shall be forwarded to the University Curriculum Committee for record.
The maximum number of additional hours is 20 hours per academic year and shall be incorporated into the total college hours of the current academic year.
- Article 5 With prior application for declaring the Program and completed the required number of credits stipulated in the implementation plan, the students who have completed the study for a minimum of 15 credits may present the official transcripts of the study and apply to the attending units for the review of the study. Upon passing the review, the said students may download the file from the University webpage and make a hardcopy of the certificate of program completion.
- Article 6 The students who failed to complete the program required credits are subject to the regulations of the respective departments if those credits completed can be considered as credits needed for graduation. The said students can not apply for deferred graduation due to incomplete study of the program. Where the Program is suspended, the students who have not yet complete the study, in addition to the certificate of credits, cannot make any further requests.
- Article 7 Three to five years into the implementation, the Programs shall carry out a performance evaluation with timely adjustments.
- Article 8 Matters not provided in these Regulations shall be subject to the pertinent regulations of the University.
- Article 9 These Regulations shall enter into force upon the approval of the Academic Affairs Meeting; the same procedure applies to the amendments.

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